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WITH DAMPER MEANS

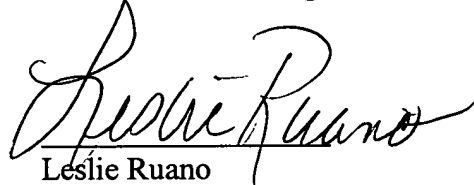
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the subject
U.S. National Stage Application filed on even date herewith.

AMENDMENT A

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

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5. (Once Amended) A compressor or a pump when including a valve assembly
according to claim 1.

A marked up copy of the claim showing the amendment is enclosed herewith.